



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Stepanian et al

Serial No.: 10/034,296

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Group Art Unit: 1771

For: AEROGEL COMPOSITE WITH
FIBROUS BATTING

Examiner: J. Boyd

January 16, 2004

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003, for which a 3 month extension of time is applied for herewith, thereby making a response due by January 16, 2004, please amend as follows:

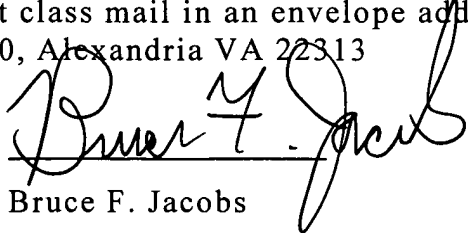
In the Claims

1. (amended) A composite article comprising an aerogel monolith and a reinforcing structure to serve as a flexible, durable, light-weight insulation product wherein the reinforcing structure comprises a lofty fibrous batting which causes no substantial degradation of the thermal performance of the aerogel as compared with

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